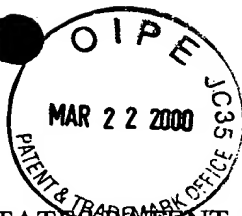


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In response to the Notice of Non-Responsiveness, Applicants are submitting a Letter Requesting the Approval of Drawing corrections which respond to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action. Specifically, drawing corrections to Figures 1 and 3 have been proposed for numbering the conveyor as 100, 102 in the two embodiments, and a proposed new Figure 5 showing the depressions in the backup roller is again submitted.

Applicants' response is therefore believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES (w/corrections in red):**

Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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